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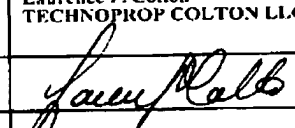
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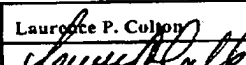
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **\$575.00****Complete if Known**

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1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee	
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1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND**

Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20 -20** = 0	50.00	0.00
Independent Claims	3 -3** = 0	100.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent		0.00	0.00

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1053 130	1053 130			Non - English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765			Extension for reply within fourth month	575.00
1255 2,080	2255 1,040			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170			Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245			Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330			Plant issue fee	
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1809 790	2809 395			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 395			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)					
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Applicant: RUTLEDGE, Jerry Donald  
Application No.: 10/771555  
Filing Date: 04 February 2004  
Title: ANIMAL FOOD AND TREAT  
DISPENSER

Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Valenti, A.M.  
Confirmation No.: 3725

RESPONSE

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18 December 2004

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Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 6 October 2004 from examiner Andrea M. Valenti of Art Unit 3643.

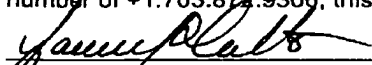
**Status** begins on page 2.

**Restriction** begins on page 3.

**Claims Amendments** begin on page 4.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.

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Laurence F. Colton

### **STATUS**

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1 and are pending in the patent application.

Claims 1 and 2 are subject to a restriction requirement.

### **PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Office Action provided for a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month, which was until 19 August 2004. Enclosed herewith is a separate Petition for a four (4) month Extension of Time to Reply, which extends the deadline for reply until 20 December 2004 (19 December 2004 is on a Sunday, which carries over to Monday, 20 December 2004). Applicant initially was handling this patent application pro se and has submitted four (4) money orders of \$55.00 each (copies of which are attached as Exhibit A) in the mistaken assumptions that the extension of time fee was due each month and that the extension of time fee was \$55.00 for each month. Therefore, enclosed herewith is the additional fee of \$575.00 (the \$795.00 fee for a small entity for 4 months minus the \$220.00 that Applicant already has submitted).

### **NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION**

Applicant is filing a continuation-in-part patent application based on this patent application contemporaneously herewith.

### **NO EXCESS CLAIMS FEE**

After entering the below amendment, this patent application will have 20 total claims (Claims 2 - 21) and 3 independent claims (Claim 2, 10, and 17), and no excess claims fee is due.

**RESTRICTION**

Applicant restricts this patent application to the invention of Group II, namely Claim 2, drawn to a preloaded magazine.

This restriction is made without traverse.

Claim 1 is cancelled below.

Claim 2 is amended below.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application on Claim 1.